(a) whether appointments to State Municipal staffs are done by the Staff Selection Board ;

(b) whether the State Municipal Conference approved of it;

(c) whether the Secretary to the Conference and the Chairman of the Ernakulam Municipality have written any letter or memorial to the Government on this subject; if so, will the Government be pleased to place it on the table?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).— (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Yes. A copy of the letter is placed on the table.

Applicants—age barred—consideration of.

307. Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur Rural*).— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the applicants for appointments become age-barred even though they have put in their applications before they are 25 years of age;

(2) if so, is it not in contravention of the notification that they are only 'to apply before they are twenty-five years of age';

(3) whether they will be pleased to consider leniently of the cases of those who have sent in their applications before they are 25 years old but became age-barred by the time they were given appointments?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).— (1) Yes.

(2) No.

(3) It is not possible as a rule.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur Rural*).—Will the Government be pleased to give at least 3 years' time to those who have applied to the Board before they are 25 ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).— The whole matter has been fully considered by Government and Government see no reason to change the existing practice.

Persons selected for Jail Training—particulars regarding.

308. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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